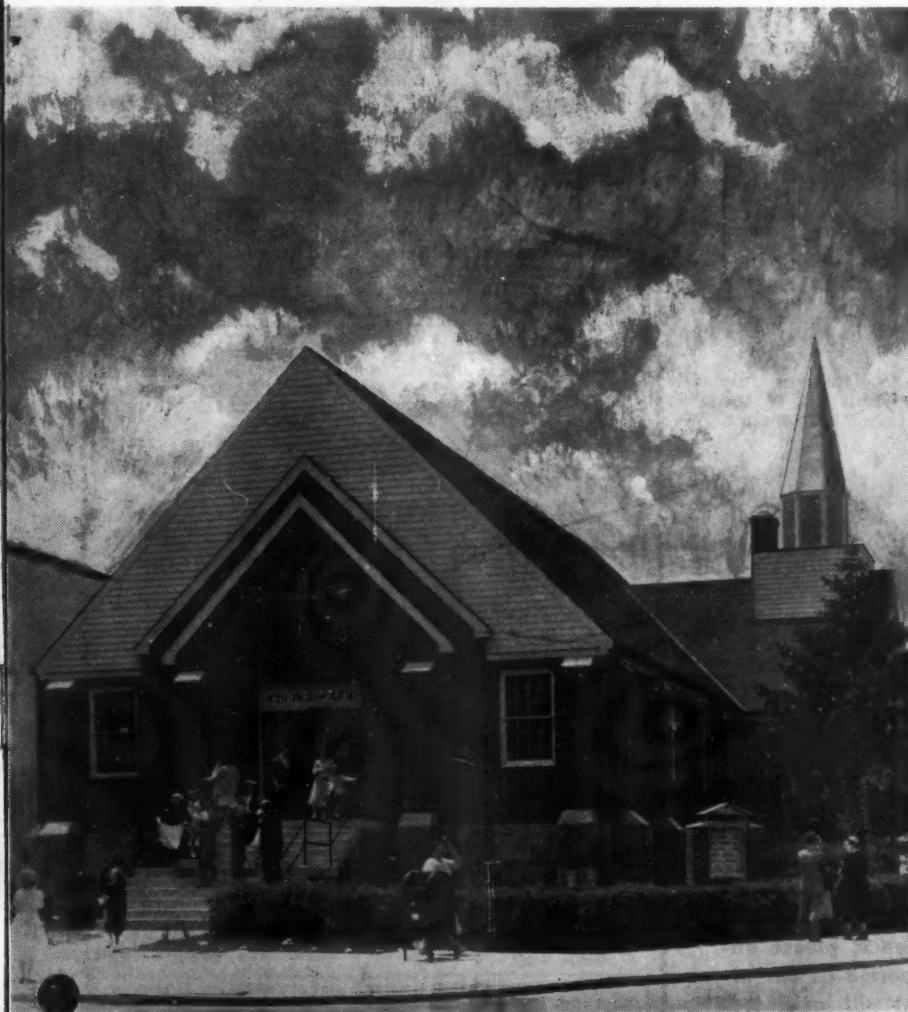


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The Arkansas Camp Meeting will convene July 2-7 at the tabernacle in Bald Knob. A. V. Beaubé will be the night speaker and Thomas K. Shoemaker will be the Bible School teacher.



The Alabama Camp Meeting will convene July 2-8 at the campground in Birmingham. James L. Slay will be the night speaker.



The New York State Convention will convene July 2-8 at the Shady Lawn Motor Court, Glens Falls, New York.



The North Carolina Camp Meeting will convene July 2-8 at the campground in Charlotte. Ray H. Hughes will be the night speaker.



The South Carolina Camp Meeting will convene July 2-8 at the campground in Mauldin. Vep Ellis will be the night speaker and W. E. Tull will be the Bible teacher.



The Indiana Camp Meeting will convene July 3-7 at the High School gymnasium in Shelburn. A. L. Burroughs will be the night speaker.



The New Jersey State Convention will convene July 5-8 in Spotswood. James A. Cross will be the night speaker.

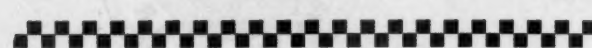


The Wisconsin Camp Meeting will convene July 6-8 at Kenosha. Charles W. Conn will be the guest speaker.



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4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
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8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
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10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
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Coming Next Week
"INDEPENDENCE DAY ISSUE"

The Church of God Evangel

IT IS A JOY to write an article concerning one of our church groups after serving as their overseer for nearly four years. During this time an attempt was made by Satan to destroy this work. It is not the purpose of this article to elaborate on that which is past. We in Baltimore are looking to the future with an assured view.

In Matthew 16:18, we have the earliest mention of the Church. Jesus says, "I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." No church in modern days has had a greater effort on the part of the enemy to move it off "this rock" than the Baltimore Church. In the past decade, two strong attempts have failed; but, thanks be unto the Lord, this church remains strong, united and spiritual. Time has proved that no attempt by man can defeat God's people. God in His heaven will give the victory when such efforts are made, regardless of whether it is in our day or Bible days.

Just as God blessed Joseph in all that he did, so has God blessed the Baltimore Church while going through these attempts of Satan. No group of people has been more loyal to the Church of God than the men and women who make up the membership of the Baltimore Church of God. When God blessed Joseph, He proved that He was with him, and so it is in every age. He will see that all injustices inflicted on His people by men with cruel intent will come to naught. Joseph's God still lives and is with His people in Baltimore, Maryland. Below are some of the things that are happening amidst this fine group of people.

1. A Beautiful Brick Church Completed.

On the front of this issue of the *Evangel* is a picture of Baltimore's new church building. A description of it appears below. Those who have seen it feel that it is one of the nicest buildings in our area. By erecting this, the members and friends again have proved their love for their Lord and Master.

The architecture is semicolonial with a brick exterior and amber windows. Equipped with beautiful white and mahogany furniture and maroon carpet and runners, the church auditorium, including the balcony, seats 400. An electric Hammond organ and a grand piano, along with the beauty of this sanctuary, prepares one for worship. Also, on the main floor there is a nursery with a unique bed arrangement which will accommodate eight children; a pastor's study, Sunday School office, music room and an extra room. Directly behind the chancel and choir there is a glass-enclosed baptismal pool. The basement, recently completed, contains a chapel, choir, eight Sunday School classrooms and two rest rooms. The building is equipped with a gas heating plant.

Baltimore Church owns an additional building which houses the intermediate and junior Sunday School

departments, also, the intermediate and junior church services are held in this building. It is equipped with a kitchen and has tables for banquets.

The church has an eight-room two-story parsonage with a full-sized basement. It is completely furnished and located at 2701 W. Baltimore street, which is a main street of Baltimore. Fifty-eight transit buses, from all parts of this great city, bring people to the door of our church. The church is valued at \$100,000, but only cost \$80,000. The present indebtedness is \$43,000. The total value of property is \$120,000.

God has a cause on this earth. His work is often neglected because those who profess his name shake their heads and allow it to fall in the dust.

The Baltimore Church of God

By W. C. BYRD

Overseer of Maryland

The members of the Baltimore Church have opened their hearts and supported a costly building program in recent months. No doubt, your hearts burn within you to read of their sacrifices, and you rejoice to know that God's people are devoted to Him. I remember a young convert in a meeting conducted in a church where I pastored. This lady was saved and went back to her home church to tell her people of her conversion. She visited the church in her home town, and the building had been badly neglected. Weeds to waist-high had grown up around the church. This young lady convert took a grass blade and cut the weeds down before the Sunday services and came back and showed me blisters in her hand as the result of this work. She felt that her Father's house should not have weeds waist-high around its entrance, so, with loving heart and willing hands she proceeded to cut them. This was her first act of devotion; and after being her pastor for four years more, I know that she retained this love for God's house. I think of this true servant every time I see a new church built by members of our Church. I would not give one member like this new convert for thousands who will give a hundred dollars to some fellow to be seen and heard of men.

2. Record in Tithes.

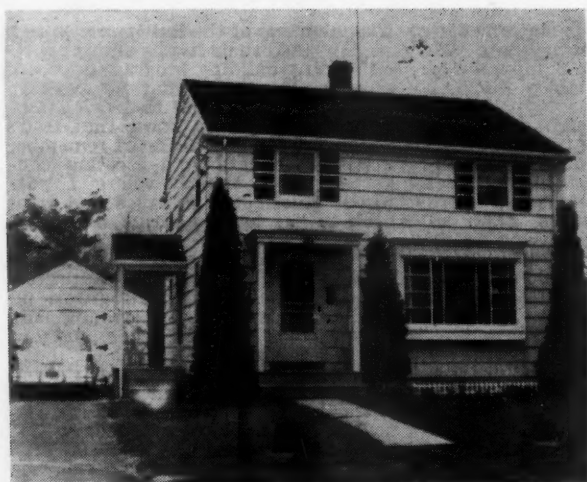
In the month of November an all-time record was made in tithe payments. The amount paid for this month was \$2,059.52. Money is not all that keeps a church "on this rock," yet God has promised to open the windows of heaven and pour out blessings that there is a lack of room to contain, if we pay tithes. Brother and Sisters, these big blessings are being experienced by the tithe-paying group of church members in Baltimore Church. On one recent Sunday, God opened up heaven's windows and all day long the blessings were poured out. The pastor, Brother Roy Miller, shouted as David of old, and no one felt that he was vile. The members joined with him, and great were the shouts heard in the midst of these happy people. They enjoyed hearing their pastor preach, but no one complained when it was not necessary for him to preach at either the morning or evening worship service.

3. Attendance.

In a city where most churches have only morning services, the Baltimore Church is averaging over 200 in Sunday School and has recovered the ground which was lost when some left the church about one year ago. The membership is 200.

4. Unity.

These people are more unified than ever before under the leadership of their pastor, Brother Roy Miller. They have voted to retain him as their pastor for two more years. He loves his flock and they in turn love their shepherd.



State Parsonage in New England



Lincoln Center, Maine



Parsonage in Portland, Maine

New England

Moves Forward

For God

By V. D. COMBS

State Overseer

I AM VERY HAPPY TO GIVE a brief report of the progress of the work in the New England States for the past twenty months.

The New England territory, comprised of the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut, is a very beautiful section of this great Nation of ours. It is visited each summer by tens of thousands of people, from all sections of the country, who are on vacation tours.

It was at Plymouth, Massachusetts, in New England, just thirty-seven miles southeast of Boston, that the Pilgrims first landed on December 21, 1620. They brought to the New World the message of the Cross and salvation through Jesus' shed blood.

However, perhaps, because of the long and extremely cold winters and other difficulties, the Church of God has not expanded or made as much progress here as it has made in many other states. Therefore, New England is a mission state or territory in every analysis of the word. The *crying need* here is for more efficient workers for God and His Church to hear the call: "*Who will go for us?*" and for them to answer, "*Here am I. Send me.*"

New England now has 14 churches, 2 missions, 15 Sunday Schools, 13 Y.P.E.'s and a nice campground in Appleton, Maine.

Although New England is numbered with the mission states, our fine Church of God people here believe in and support the missions program one hundred per cent.

Since the last General Assembly (twenty months ago) we have organized one new church, two new Sunday Schools, and three new Y.P.E.'s. We have made a 40 per cent net increase in church membership and have had a 30 per cent increase in tithes and a 25 per cent increase in orphanage offerings, with about a 90 per cent increase in the amount of missions money raised.

We have built one new church building with no indebtedness remaining on it. We have bought a nice state parsonage (in Portland, Maine) and have furnished it. Also, the church in Portland, Maine, has bought a nice parsonage and furnished it.

We have gone over the top in New England in *Evangel* and *LIGHTED PATHWAY* subscriptions with more than 60 per cent above our regular quota.

I want to say that I sincerely appreciate the faithful ministers, members, and, also, the fine friends of the
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New York

By M. W. SINDLE

State Overseer

IT WAS IN THE YEAR OF 1932 that the Church of God began in the state of New York. Brother W. M. Morrow was appointed as the first state overseer. Although the records do not show progress by leaps and bounds, they do reveal that a firm foundation was laid for later progress. For ten years the various state overseers moved into new territories about the state, sowing seeds of righteousness and holiness through evangelism and personal work.

In 1943, the first church building was purchased in Brooklyn by Brother J. B. Camp who helped to pioneer the state as overseer. This building was one of the loveliest churches in the entire movement at that time. The next year a state parsonage was purchased in Rosedale Section on Long Island, and this property still serves as state parsonage.

Since 1943 small mission works have been opened over the state. Some have grown to be good substantial churches and others have been closed for the lack of sufficient laborers and workers. Most of the people over the state are not Protestant, and it takes time and patience to teach them the plan of salvation. Many of the workers in the state have suffered a great deal of personal privation to bring the story of the Cross and the work of grace to these people.

As we reminisce and compare the past with the present, we can definitely see that the Church of God has come to New York to stay, that the mighty hand of God is moving in our behalf and that His Spirit is striving in the hearts of men, teaching them the plan of salvation.

Last year in July, we enjoyed our first camp meeting, which was held just six miles south of Glens Falls, New York, with Brother Vep Ellis as evening speaker. This meeting was entirely new for the membership of this State, but, according to the testimonies and the expressions of the people, it was a great success and thrilled our hearts as the big tent filled every night to hear the man of God expound the Scriptures as well as to hear his fine family minister to us in song.

At present there are a number of fine church buildings in the State. In 1953, two new church buildings were built: one in Brooklyn (Lexington Avenue), Lessie Mendes, Pastor; the other one in Glens Falls, R. W. Spooner, Pastor. These were the first two building projects in the State. This past winter two more new churches were built under difficult conditions because of the hard win-

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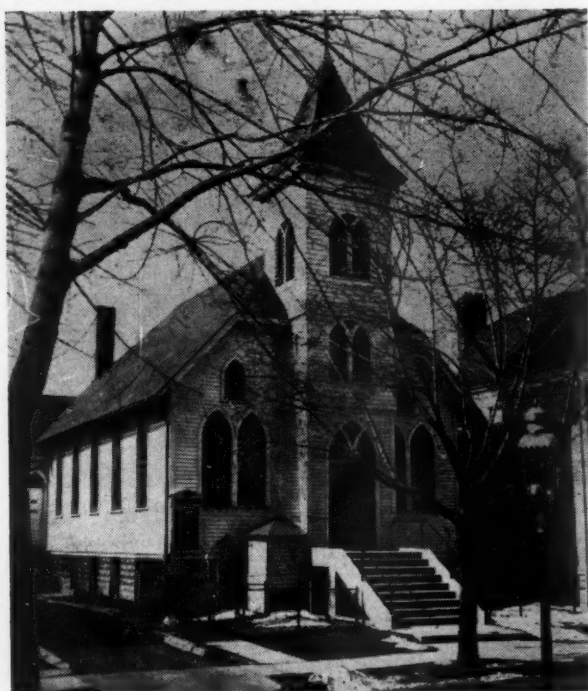
Glens Falls, New York



Sunday School in Niagara Falls, New York



Waterloo, New York (under construction)



East Orange, New Jersey



Spotswood, New Jersey



Millville, New Jersey

The Church of God

in

New Jersey

By HENRY C. STOPPE

State Overseer

IN THESE DAYS WHEN people are trying to ride on the back of some famous evangelist to spiritual victory, and when trumpets are giving uncertain sounds confusing the minds of the people, the Church of God is moving forward in this beautiful Garden State.

At the close of the last Assembly, I was appointed as the state overseer of New Jersey and our Eastern District Spanish Work. Several weeks later I arrived with my family at the state parsonage in Bridgeton. At that time, we had only four churches in Jersey—all located in the southern part of the state. We now have eight churches. We had only two church buildings, but now we have six.

FIRST CHURCH IN JERSEY ORGANIZED IN 1938

Reverend William Dych, pastor of a small independent church in Atlantic City, heard of the Church of God. He contacted Paul H. Walker, State Overseer of Pennsylvania, and invited him to visit with them to explain the teachings of the Church. After several visits, the congregation voted unanimously to unite with the Church of God. During the war years, their church building was sold and the congregation purchased a bungalow in Pleasantville which has since been converted into a church. During the past year, Brother John Josephson, the pastor, has completely remodeled and enlarged the building. New mahogany pews have been installed and the building has been painted inside and out. With this new building, I am sure they will make great spiritual gains in the near future.

MILLVILLE WAS ONLY A NAME ON THE MAP

In 1938, Sister Amy Hanley was living in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Lord spoke to her about going to Millville, New Jersey. All she knew about this town was that it occupied a place on the map. She and her co-workers, Miss Faye Houser and Mrs. Mary O'Keefe, in obedience to the call of God, made several visits to this town. They finally located a place to worship in a storeroom near the center of town. Absorbed and exhilarated by the promises of God, they held their first service June 29, 1939. The going was rough for several years. From their faith in things unseen, these workers gained strength and force to continue in spite of great opposition. Their faith was accompanied by careful planning and hard work. In 1942, Brother Messer, Overseer, was called to organize the church. Soon, thereafter, the church built a parsonage valued at \$20,000. The congregation moved

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Progress

in the

"Keystone State"

(Pennsylvania)

By C. J. HINDMON

State Overseer

PENNSYLVANIA IS A GOOD State and we are more than proud to tell about the good things we are doing. We realize that it is not so large when it comes to membership, yet the Lord has been blessing, and we are pressing forward to greater things.

The first church was organized in Pennsylvania at Boynton on March 14, 1925, with Brother J. W. Tanner as the pastor and Brother Poteat as the overseer, with 30 charter members. Today, Brother Charles Dale Coley is the pastor, and the church recently has been remodeled, and, practically, a new parsonages has been built. The revival fires are burning, and God is blessing. From the Mother Church we have at present 49 churches with a total membership of 2,616.

We have 36 Willing Worker Bands in the State. We averaged 3,079 in Sunday School attendance each Sunday during 1955 and 1,858 weekly attendance in the Y.P.E.

We have monthly rallies for our Sunday School and Y.P.E. and the Lord has blessed both in the saving of souls and, also, in the giving of \$5,624.86 for missions. Our total missions offering for the year of 1955 was \$12,877.79.

The Lord has blessed in giving us some lovely churches in Harrisburg, Lebanon, Erie, Mercersburg, Waynesboro, Pittsburgh, and Washington. Many churches have been remodeled and have taken on a new look in this past year. Fine new parsonages have been built at Mercersburg, Mt. Pleasant, and Reamstown; others have been remodeled.

Organs have been installed in Williamsburg, Saxton, Everett, Pittsburgh, and Waynesburg, and we feel this is a step forward in our worship to God.

A new state parsonage and two lovely office rooms have been built since the camp meeting last year. They are furnished, mostly, with new furniture; however, we retained some of the old things. We feel that this beautiful ranch-type brick home, right in the center of the grove, is one that the entire State should be proud of, and it will be a monument of hard work and sacrifice in the years to come.

We have a beautiful grove where each year we have an old-fashioned camp meeting. Folk really like to come to camp meeting in Pennsylvania, and it is something that is looked forward to and planned for a year in ad-

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Waynesboro, Pennsylvania



Harrisburg, Pennsylvania



Lebanon, Pennsylvania

Overseer's Report
for
*Maryland,
Delaware and D.C.*

By W. C. BYRD
State Overseer

NUMBER OF CHURCHES:

We now have 36 churches with full-time pastors. This represents a gain of 7 in the past three and a half years, and a gain of 17 in the past seven and a half years. This is almost twice as many full-time operating churches. There are prospects for two or three more between now and Assembly time. This would mean over twice as many churches within a period of eight years, should these places where we already have services develop into organized churches.

NUMBER OF MEMBERS:

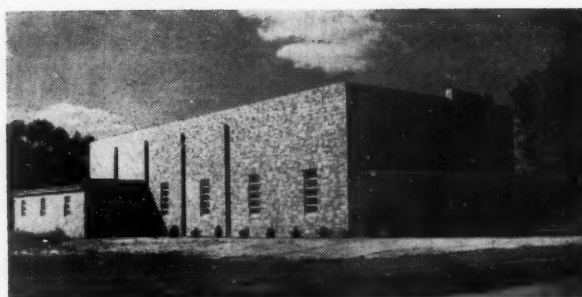
We now have a total of 2,388 members in Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia, of which 1,942 are in Maryland, 279 in Delaware, and 167 in the District of Columbia. This is a gain of 645 over the previous administration's figure, after subtracting the three colored churches that decided to go under their own leadership soon after I came as overseer. We are hoping to show a membership of at least 700 by the time of the General Assembly. While this is not a large number, yet, when considering the effort to destroy the Church of God in our area on the part of some, our heart thrills to have this added number still working with us. We have between a third and a fourth more than when we started our work over three years ago.

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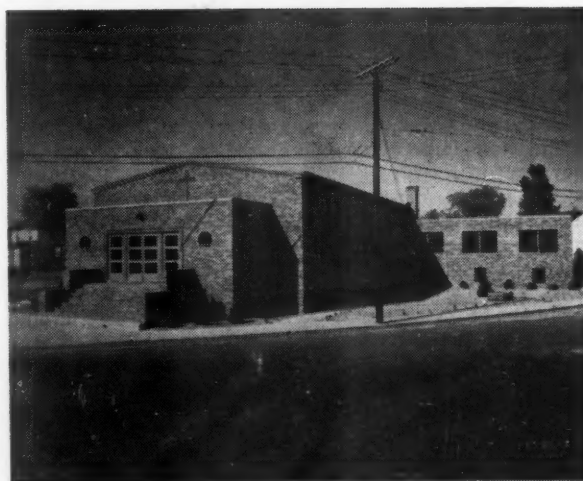
We are operating on pay-as-you-go so far as the state funds are concerned. God has helped us pay off the \$4,000 indebtedness on the state parsonage, put asbestos siding on, make new steps, and paint the outside woodwork. We have completely redecorated the inside; we have bought some new furniture for state office and parsonage, and every bill is paid. There is nothing owed on any state property. The campground has had thousands of dollars of improvements, and they are all paid for. Last year 45 received the Holy Ghost in the camp meeting, and we are expecting this year to excel all others. Our mission offering at the camp meeting last year was over \$9,000. We are hoping for \$10,000 this year.

NEW BUILDINGS IN OUR AREA:

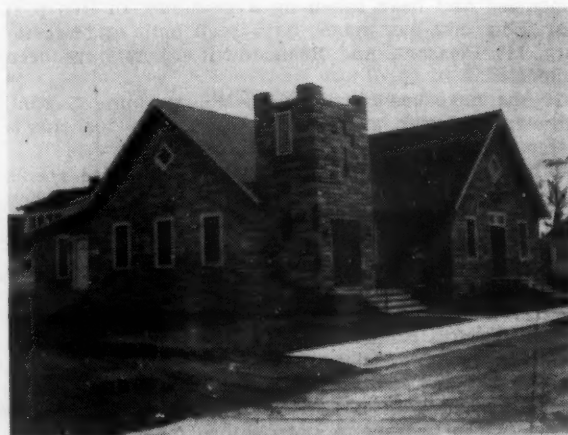
In the past three years we have witnessed the greatest building of churches and parsonages of all history.



Milford, Delaware



Salisbury, Maryland



Cambridge, Maryland

Besides some of those which you see pictured, we are listing other building projects completed or in the process of completion *Brooklyn* purchased a brick parsonage and built a three-story cement block Sunday School building on the back of their auditorium, remodeled the old church and put new pews and furniture in it—John D. McIver, Pastor. *Glen Burnie* is completing a beautiful new brick church with full-sized basement—David Riner, Pastor. *Freddrick* completed a beautiful new church with full-sized basement—B. E. Cecil, Pastor. *Cumberland* built a nice basement church—L. D. Hudson, Pastor. *Hagerstown* built a new brick parsonage with three bedrooms, living room, dining room and kitchen, with a full-sized basement—R. L. Wagner, Pastor. *White Hall* built a new cement block church—Eugene Price, Pastor. *Liberty Grove* purchased a school building and converted it into a nice church—W. O. Rivenbark, Pastor. *Dargan* built a new cement block church—C. F. Ely, Sr., Pastor. *Washington* purchased a new brick parsonage and will soon complete a new brick church valued at \$100,000—P. H. McSwain, Pastor. *Oaklawn* built a two-story Sunday School plant on back of church, purchased a six-room parsonage and site for new church building—M. A. Dupree, Pastor. *Federalburg* built a new cement block basement on nice site one block from center of town—John Goodyear, Pastor. *Seaford* is in the process of building a brick church—Bruce McCane, Jr., Pastor. *Dagsboro* came into the Church of God and already has a nice building in which to worship—Bruce McCane, Jr., Pastor. *Jennings* bought a large school house and converted it into a parsonage and church—Ivan Shewbridge, Pastor. *Bridgeville* built a new cement block and stone church with full-sized basement—C. J. Abbott, Pastor. These, along with the Baltimore, Salisbury, Milford, Crisfield, and Cambridge churches pictured, represent many hundred thousands of dollars in property improvements in the past three and a half years. *Easton* built a new addition to the front of their church, installed new pews and has paid off all indebtedness on their beautiful building—Wm. F. Morris, Pastor.

In all, we have had God to bless with wonderful success in every department. Our youth work under Brother Leon Ellis has played a very important part in our growth. The ministers and members have cooperated that we might realize this increase. The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad.



NEW ENGLAND MOVES FORWARD FOR GOD

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Church of God in New England who have cooperated with us in making this progress for God and His Church. We give to Him all the praise for these accomplishments and for His many blessings to us.

We had a wonderful camp meeting last year. We broke all previous records in the state missions offering with \$3,000. There were many souls saved and sanctified and baptized in the Holy Ghost. A large number were baptized in water and added to the Church of God.

We are praying and looking for even a greater camp meeting this year (July 23-29). We extend an invitation

to all who can attend to be with us for this great spiritual feast.

That the Lord may ever bless the faithful people in New England is the sincere prayer of the overseer.



THE CHURCH OF GOD IN NEW YORK

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ter. These were first, Waterloo, William Van Dam, Pastor, and Niagara Falls, Frank Singo, Pastor.

There are 165 members in the state with 11 organized churches and 2 unorganized. At present we have 13 Sunday Schools with 4 of them running from 50 to 100 in attendance each Sunday.

In 1951 the tithes for the entire state totaled \$492. However, in the year 1955 the total was \$1,131. The estimated property valuation for the entire state is, approximately, \$96,000. Perhaps this summary of progress seems small in comparison with other states; nevertheless, it represents a steady and continuous growth which can be appreciated only by those who are familiar with the trend of life in this State that has the largest population of any state in the Union. There is a great harvest to be reaped there but it seems that harvesters are few.

We very humbly thank our General Headquarters and the Executive Committee for the financial assistance they have so willingly provided to help put laborers into these new fields. We also want to say a very hearty thanks to those of you who have "administered to the necessity of the saints" in this needy field.



THE CHURCH OF GOD IN NEW JERSEY

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from the storeroom to worship in the basement of the parsonage until they could build a church. In the spring of 1954, the foundation for the new church building was laid. Since the Assembly, I have helped them obtain a loan; and now a beautiful cement block church is nearly completed. Plans are being made for the dedication in the early part of April. Their membership now stands at 79.

SALEM CHURCH MOVED TO BETTER LOCATION

The Church at Salem has made slow progress due to several reverses and a poor location. However, in recent months, Sister Hanley, the pastor, has been able to rent a nice hall on the main street of the town. Although the membership of this church is very small, the future outlook seems bright.

BRIDGETON CHURCH ORGANIZED WITH SEVEN MEMBERS

November, 1952, Brother W. G. Donovan and Brother H. R. Appling, State Overseer, rented a building and conducted revival services in Bridgeton. By March of the following year, the church was organized with 7 members. Having received financial help from the Riverside Church of Atlanta, Georgia, Brother Appling built a small church 20 by 30 feet which is located on the Shiloh Pike outside the city limits. This past year,

Brother Donovan, the pastor, has freed the church of all encumbrances. The church has had a steady growth of membership which now stands at 35. Plans are now being made to purchase the state parsonage which is located beside the local church.

CHURCH IN EAST ORANGE— A DREAM BUT NOW A REALITY

In order to be near our Spanish Churches in New York City, I moved my family to East Orange, which is located in the Newark area. My son, Richard Stoppe, who is also a minister and attending Upsala College in East Orange, was interested in opening up a work in this area. We rented a storeroom in the City of Newark and began having services on Friday and Sunday nights. Since the building was located on an obscure street, we made little progress. However, we continued to tell the people that we were looking for larger quarters and that God would provide a nice building. This seemed like an idle dream to the few who were attending the services. They wondered what we would do with a larger building when we did not have enough people to fill the small one. Nevertheless, in the first part of May, we learned that the First Lutheran Church in East Orange was for sale. Believing firmly that we were armed with strength from God, we took positive and immediate action to purchase this church. On June 15, 1955, the sale was completed and we organized the church with 17 members—just seven months after we held our first service in the mission. We now have approximately 20 prospective members who are attending instructional classes and who will be uniting with the Church within a few weeks. So the church that was once a dream in a young man's heart has now become a reality. The property is valued at \$30,000.

THEIR PRAYERS WERE ANSWERED

Two families who were members of the Church of God in Pennsylvania had moved to New Jersey in the vicinity of Spotswood. For three years these people prayed for a Church of God preacher to come and start a work. They made several contacts with ministers, but they brought no results. Then in October of 1954, Brother Lewis Daughenbaugh, their former pastor in Pennsylvania, paid them a visit. Before leaving them, he promised to return and start a work. He called me about this, and my response was immediate. We were able to rent the American Legion Hall in Old Bridge two miles from Spotswood. The first service was held on the second Sunday in January, 1955, with 38 present in Sunday School. Brother Daughenbaugh announced a building fund drive immediately. The following month, a nice corner lot, 100 by 125 feet in size, was purchased in Spotswood, which is seven miles south of New Brunswick. Things began to move fast. Brother Guy Abbey, one of our preachers who also is a builder living in this area, was so impressed by the services and the spirit of the people that he agreed to supervise the building of the new church free of charge. Besides, he invested \$7,000 of his own capital in the project. By the end of June, the congregation moved into the new concrete block building 32 by 51 feet, with a full-sized basement. It also has a three-room parsonage for the pastor in the basement. The church is now valued at \$30,000. Since most of the labor was donated, we were able to build this church

for approximately \$10,000. It was organized on March 25 with 20 members. So under the capable and efficient leadership of Brother Daughenbaugh, the church moves on to greater victories and stands as a monument of the fact that God answers prayer.

LAWNSIDE CHURCH

This church came under my supervision by transfer from our colored work. Sister Lillie Green, the pastor, along with the small membership, is working hard to raise money to complete their building. Now, with the work almost completed, they are praying earnestly for a revival.

NEW CHURCH IN CAPITAL CITY

Several months ago, Brother Hoggs went to the city of Trenton and rented a nice hall that seats about 150 people. He has now organized a church with a small membership. Things look bright and promising for the future.

CONCLUSION

I wish to express my appreciation to our General Officials for the encouragement and cooperation they have given me and also to the faithful ministers in the State of New Jersey who have helped to make these gains possible.



"KEYSTONE STATE" (Pennsylvania)

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vance. Many new cottages and a new 10-room motel have gone up, but still we have not room to accommodate those who come wanting rooms on the campground, so we have to seek rooms in the town.

We had a youth camp with 304 in attendance last year, and we are looking for a better and bigger one this year.

Pennsylvania has good ministers who are sincere and love the Church of God. If there are any among us that do not love the Church, they must have crept in unawares and do not belong in Pennsylvania. The ministers and laity like the old-time gospel and the presence of the Lord in our midst. We feel our folk are really mission-minded and have given liberally for the cause. We have opened several new works in the past few months, and the results are very encouraging. With just a little more time and some more good trail blazers, we are looking for more new churches to be added to our group. We are glad to report that Pennsylvania is growing.

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Young Church Making Progress

NEWTON GROVE, N. C.—April 23-29 we were in a youth revival and the Lord blessed in a great way. Sister Shirley Malpas, 17, of Clinton, North Carolina, did the preaching which was enjoyed by all. It was the best revival we have had. Three were saved and one was sanctified. Our church is progressing rapidly and the Lord is with us in all our services. We had 12 members when we were organized in September, 1955, and now we have 17. For the last month or two, every time our pastor, Brother R. D. Howell, preaches the power comes from heaven and blessings in a great way. —Coolidge Massey, Clerk.

Revival Is a Blessing to Church

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—God recently blessed the South St. Petersburg Church with a great revival. Sister Amanda Miller was the evangelist. With Sister Miller were her husband and their pianist, Delilah Daniel. During the three weeks of the revival 36 were saved, 30 sanctified, 30 filled with the Holy Ghost, 12 baptized in water, and 9 added to the Church. Sister Miller preached nightly under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, and on several occasions the Holy Ghost took charge of the services completely. Each and every one was blessed abundantly during the entire revival. Not only did God bless the unsaved and backsliders, but the whole church was revived and each member was drawn closer to Him, leaving everyone with a greater desire to work and serve the Lord more than ever. Sister Miller is an old-fashioned Church of God preacher. She preaches the truth and does not compromise with Satan in the least. Sister Miller works in the altar with the seekers and each church would do well to have her for a revival. Since the revival our church has been on a steady increase, for we still have the revival spirit. Each department is making progress and growing by leaps and bounds. Our pastor, Brother Alexander Austin, is a wonderful man. We truly appreciate him and his family. He and Sister Austin have been an inspiration to all of us. We thank God for sending them to us. Pray for our church that we will continue to grow and prosper. —Virginia Hanlin.

Blind Woman Healed During Meeting

BETHEL CHURCH, Pointe-A-Pierre —Our church had the privilege of having Brother David Pitts with us from January 4 to 8. His able address was powerful and soul-stirring; the hearts of the Christians were tremendously blessed and about 30 gave their hearts to Jesus. The power of the presence of the Lord was with us.



Many were healed, one woman in particular. She was Ruth Sookoonoo who was totally blind until Brother Pitts prayed for her; then she was able to see instantly. She is now rejoicing and doing her daily duties. Praise God! We admire the gentleness, compassion and humble disposition of Brother Pitts. Truly he is a man of God. We will always remember him and his humble submission to the Lord. May God bless him and his ministry in Jesus' name.—W. S. Ramal, Pastor.

A Report on the 1956 Spring Revival at Lee College

By Charles R. Beach,
Professor of Languages

For almost two weeks and through twenty-four glorious messages of victory in Jesus, God spoke to us at Lee College by means of His messenger, Brother W. Edwin Tull, Pastor of the Church of God in Milford, Delaware. He is a servant who certainly came to us "in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel." Brother Tull said to us "of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you." The most high God did come, and lost souls were saved; weak hands were strengthened; the weary were caused to rest, and hungered "Jeremiahs"—sunk in mire—were taken up out of the dungeons.

At the very outset of this fruitful revival—one of the greatest spiritual reawakenings ever witnessed at Lee College—President R. Leonard Carroll challenged every student, every worker, every teacher: "Let God have His way! Expect great things of God!" The challenge was accepted and prayers in the name of Jesus of Nazareth soon reached heaven; and God, merciful and kind, began to pour out of His Spirit and to bless. Students were baptized with the Holy Ghost in the auditorium, in the classrooms in the dormitories, and one young man received the Holy Ghost in the cafeteria kitchen. There were messages in tongues and interpretations. There were praise and prayer in the classroom buildings, and there was shouting even outside on the campus.

Numbers with worries, troubles, frustrations, and fears were prayed for and were strengthened or delivered. Pained bodies were eased and there were numerous testimonies of definite healings of weak eyes.

One night, as the revival was making noticeable progress and while seekers were still in the altar, the enemy made an attempt to halt the Lord's great work. A young girl was stricken with a type of paralysis while sitting in the auditorium. She had complete loss

of power in her left arm and leg. Students and teachers prayed and prayed with no apparent effect. Finally, however, someone anointed her with oil, prayed the prayer of faith, and rebuked the Devil in the name of Jesus. The young girl began to be able to move her hand and arm to a small degree. Exercising her faith and leaning on others, she began to try to walk. By the time she reached the sidewalk outside the auditorium the Lord had given her strength to walk by herself. A short while later the Dean of the dormitory sent word back that the girl was then dancing and praising the Lord in her room. She still has complete use of her limbs.

One young man was awaiting action by medical doctors on a severe case of stomach ulcers. He testified one day in Chapel that he had just been X-rayed and that the doctors could find no trace of the ulcers. Another young man was delivered of stuttering. Another was awaiting an operation for the removal of his left kidney. He was prayed for and healed and is in good health.

A young lady had a useless right arm. After prayer one night, she returned to the dormitory and testified that she could feel the arm begin to mend. She is now able to iron, dial telephones, open doors, etc., and to do other things with the strengthened arm which she had not been able to do before.

The theme throughout this revival was one of victory and deliverance—victory through the blood of Jesus over all the powers of the Devil and deliverance from sin, fears, and sickness. Brother Tull preached the Jesus who came not to condemn but to save the world; the same Jesus who said: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised," Luke 4:18.

Great Spiritual Power in Meeting

MARTINEZ, Calif.—We have had one of the greatest revivals that the Church of God in Martinez has ever had. This revival was ordered by the Lord and the Holy Ghost had the governorship, giving out messages every night with interpretations. There were divine healings, and people were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. Never has there been a revival here equal to this one. Sister Beulah Franklyn, of Knoxville, Tennessee, the evangelist, is a Spirit-filled, God-sent woman, anointed with the Holy Ghost and fire. We praise the Lord for her full dedicated life. May the revival fire still burn in our hearts and lives after she has to leave us.—J. M. Williams, Pastor.

Y.P.E. Attendance Records Broken



AMHERSTDALE, W. Va.—We, the people of Robinette, are doing things for God. Pictured above is a part of our Y.P.E. with our wonderful pastor, Brother Van Browning, and our Y.P.E. leader, Sister Marie Copley. On the night this picture was taken we had a skit entitled "It Happened in the Garden of Prayer." You can see the little white fence which we used. We have as good a group of young people and children with which to work as you could find anywhere. I love every one of them. Our Y.P.E. has climbed from about 13 in attendance to about 47. Two times last month we broke the record attendance of 54 by having 72 and 76 in attendance. So you can see that we are doing something for God. During the month of February we took in ten new members. Pray for us that we will climb still higher for God.—Mrs. Marie Copley.

Indianapolis District Convention

The Indianapolis, Indiana, District Convention was opened Friday evening, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. under the direction of James A. Stephens, state overseer, and James D. Combs, district pastor, with the eight churches and their pastors participating.

Visiting pastors were: C. W. Rains with some of his good people from Richmond, Indiana; B. M. White, Newcastle; and Brother Black, Harrison.

The convention was conducted near the close of a revival in the host church and a great revival spirit prevailed in each of the services. Brother Bob White, grandson of Brother B. M. White, was the evangelist. He and his good wife made a great contribution to the services by singing a number of their special songs.

During the Friday evening service, an offering of \$28 was lifted in order to aid two of our mission churches in the state. Brother E. O. Byington, of Hamilton, Ohio, who had recently completed a forty-day fast, delivered a powerful, soul-stirring and inspirational message entitled "Jesus' Concern About Others."

In our Saturday evening service a mission offering, which totaled \$162.56, was received without pressure

reports

upon the audience. We certainly rejoice in this successful part of the service.

Brother E. M. Abbott, state Sunday School and youth director, gave us some very encouraging information about the Sunday School and youth work in the state, reporting a gain of 42,000 in Sunday School and 33,000 in

Y.P.E. during the past nineteen months. He admonished everyone to do a better work in these departments.

The pastors in our district also gave some very interesting reports of their labors.

Brother Stephens, under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, concluded the convention with a message entitled "The Commission of the Church." May the Lord help us in all of our endeavors.—John Marlin, Reporter.



LEE ACADEMY WINS STATE HEALTH PROJECT

Mrs. James R. Hockensmith

The health classes of Lee Academy, Cleveland, Tennessee, with Mrs. James R. Hockensmith as teacher, were named winner of the third annual high school health project sponsored by the woman's auxiliary of the Tennessee State Medical Association. The house of delegates, governing body of TSMA, met April 8, 1956, in Memphis and presented a \$500 bond to Lee Academy of Cleveland, Tennessee.

To win the contest the classes developed a program to educate the city of Cleveland, as well as the students of the school, to the early symptoms of cancer. A student at Lee College, suffering from incurable cancer, inspired the drive. The winning students advertised through newspapers, pre-

sented radio programs, sponsored an open forum with a panel of physicians, and worked with the Bradley County chapter of American Cancer Society.

Twenty-six schools from all parts of Tennessee took part in the contest which is designed to interest groups of students throughout Tennessee to work on projects which will show their communities the value of good health with relation to other human needs.

Last year the health classes rated second in the state of Tennessee on their project, which was an educational program on mental health.

Besides the \$500 award, two class representatives, Bobby Holcomb and Frances Carden, and Mrs. Hockensmith received an expense-paid trip to Memphis to accept the award.

(I am happy to report that the health classes donated the \$500 savings bond to the Student Endowment Fund.)—R. Lenoard Carroll, President.

The Church of God Evangel

The Church of God in Concord, N. C.



CONCORD, N. C.—Worshipped in a small concrete block building for 15 years. In February of 1955, after seven months of prayerful negotiations, a brick building with a seating capacity of approximately 300 and 6 Sunday School rooms was purchased from the Calvary Lutheran Congregation at a cost of \$20,000. This building was valued at \$50,000. The pews were included in the purchase. Also, included in this purchase was a 25 feet by 60 feet church hut. The hut contains a kitchen and is used as an educational building and youth center. Since the purchase of the building, the congregation has built a five-room parsonage with an attached garage and breezeway included. This structure is

of brick veneer. The pastor, Brother C. M. Roseman, supervised the building of the parsonage and was able to complete the parsonage at a total cost of \$4,600, thereby saving the congregation \$5,000. Its value is \$10,000. It has been newly furnished with only \$50. indebtedness still on the furniture. At the time the new property was bought the membership was 46. It is now 50. The Sunday School is averaging an attendance of 100 each Sunday. The church is in a good location one block off the main street (Union Street) with one acre of land which provides ample parking space.

The L.W.W.B. raised \$2,500. on the indebtedness in 1955.—Harvey Hudson, Associate Pastor.



Concord Church Parsonage

June 25, 1956

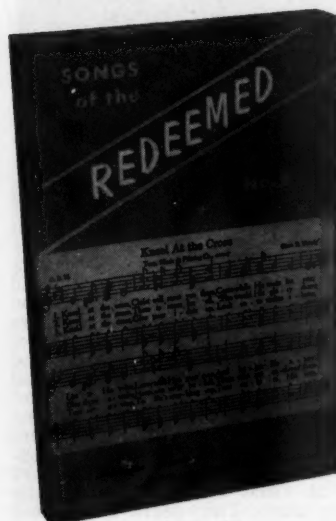
Sunday School Records Broken



DANVILLE, Ill.—The Church of God in the fair city of Danville is on the move for God. Pictured above is a part of the Sunday School which broke the attendance record once again. The record has been broken five Sundays out of six with the highest attendance, sixty-five. We feel we have some of the best members any church could have. We also have many faithful friends laboring and giving for the cause of Christ. We have been here one year. The Sunday School attendance the first Sunday we were here (June 28, 1955) was five—our family and one more. That night there were only six of us. We had many services all by ourselves. In September, 1955, we laid the sewer and started to build the parsonage by faith. The parsonage consists of three large rooms with a double clothes closet, linen closet, bath and hall leading to the church. It took many hours of hard labor to build our parsonage. I have heard many preachers say that the young preachers have it soft, but they do not, if they obey God. There are always thorns near the roses. Working in Danville has been a pleasure in many, many ways. To see the church grow has more than paid for all the burdens we have had to bear. To see people willing to serve God thrills our souls. The church has been redecorated inside during the past month. One family bought an electric wall clock for the church. The Y.P.E. has enough money in the treasury to pay for the thirty-inch window fan. The parsonage is partly furnished. Souls are being saved, sanctified, baptized with heaven's Holy Ghost, baptized in water and added to the Church of God. Praise His wonderful name! We are expecting even greater things in the near future.—Herschel K. Wren, Pastor.

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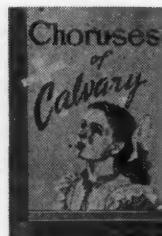


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Nervous Condition Cured



Mrs. Omer King

WAYCROSS, Ga.—For about eight years I had suffered what the doctors called a nervous condition. I would just blackout and every muscle in me would go to drawing; then, for two or three days, I would be so sore in my muscles that I could hardly move and so weak that I could hardly stay up. Such an attack took all my strength from me. When my husband carried me to the doctor, he either put me in the hospital or gave me narcotics and sent me home. The last attack I had lasted for two hours. At the time I was at church on Sunday night. It was the worse attack I had ever had.

On February 13, I went to a fellowship meeting at the Waller Street Church of God. Brother L. G. Rouse was the speaker that night. After he preached, he had a healing service. I felt one of those spells coming on so I did not feel like standing in line. Before he got through praying for those in line, I passed out; but I had not started drawing when he came and prayed for me. I came up shouting and talking in tongues. I was healed, I have not even had the symptoms of those spells since then. Praise the Lord forever.

Also, I want to thank the Lord for saving, sanctifying and filling me with heaven's sweet Holy Ghost. Praise his Holy name! I have had the Baptism over a year now. I am determined to stay faithful to the end. You all please pray for me that I will do His will from day to day. Thank God for a man like Brother Rouse. Remember me when you pray.—Mrs. Omer King. Attested by Rev. Thomas G. McQuaig, Pastor.



Normal Sight Restored Instantly

ARREY, N. Mex.—In February, 1953, our daughter, Barbara Caudill, had scarlet fever which left her almost blind. We took her to an optometrist in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, who tested her eyes and said she had ten per cent of normal vision. He said he had no lenses that would affect her eyes in the least and that glasses would not help her. He advised us to take her to a specialist in El Paso, Texas. We did so the next morning. This doctor examined her eyes and gave the same report that the optometrist had given us. He said that the scarlet fever had injured the optic nerve behind the eyes and there was no way for man to reach the trouble, and there was nothing he could do about it if he could reach it. We had an almost completely blind child, and there was nothing that human power could do for us. One night we went to church in a little country Church of God near our home. The pastor, Sister Marian Emerine, anointed our daughter with oil as the Bible says, and that small group of people all knelt and asked God to heal her eyes. It was done instantly. She went back to her seat from the altar after she was prayed for, picked up a song book, and began to read the small print in it. The next morning she could thread a tiny needle. Praise the Lord she is still well, and we are still thanking and praising God for it.—Mrs. Walter P. Caudill. Attested by Marian Emerine, Pastor, Garfield, New Mexico.

Heart Trouble and Other Afflictions Healed

FARMVILLE, N. C.—My purpose in writing this is that God may be glorified and that it may help others to believe in divine healing and to know that "it is no secret what God can do." What He has done for me, He can do for others. God healed me of many ailments on Easter Sunday, of 1955, in the Church of God of Farmville, North Carolina. My health had been falling for about ten years. I did not know why or try to find out why until I became so ill that I had to seek medical help. This happened about five weeks before Easter. I had had pains in the top of my stomach off and on for years; then came a Saturday, the beginning of a five weeks' nightmare of unbearable pain and of nausea without vomiting. The doctor said that my blood count was very low; I did not have enough red blood cells. My heart was weak and the valves would not open and close as they should. This caused very poor circulation of the blood. Many times my heart would stop beating for a moment, and I could feel the blood drain-

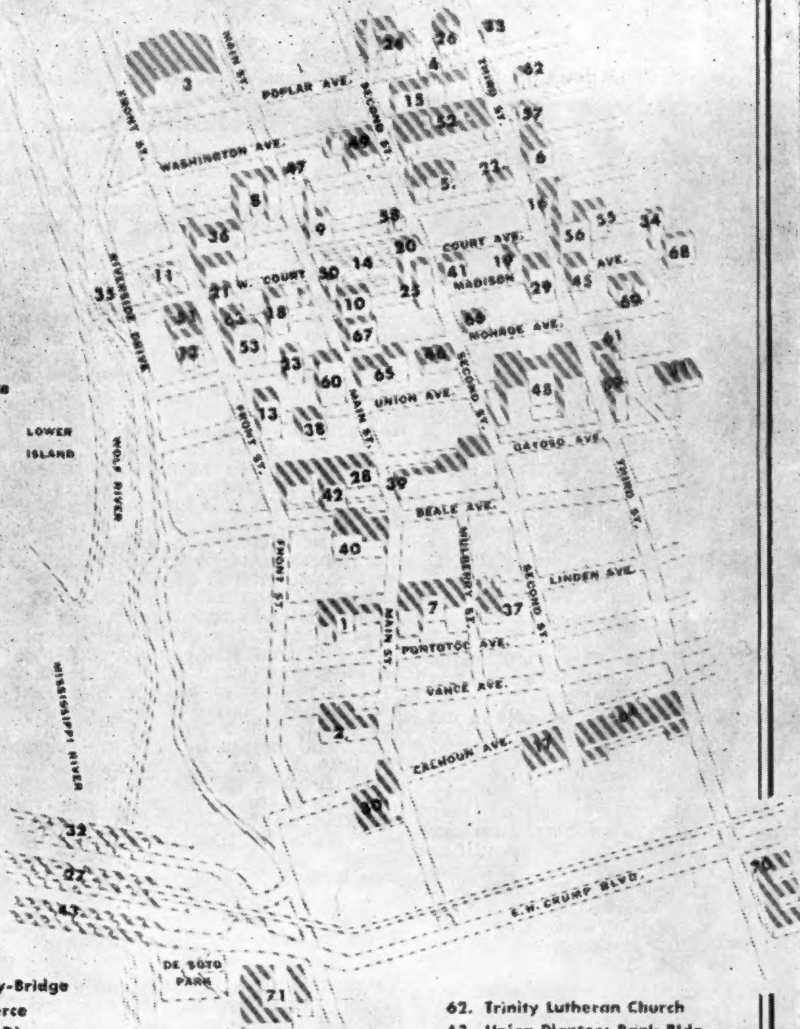
ing from my head. I'd sink to the floor unable to stand up. Last, but not least, my nerves were at the breaking point. That was what caused the nausea. Any one of these is bad enough, but one who has all of them together, really suffers.

Because of the nausea I could not eat or drink, and my nerves kept me from sleeping. After awhile I began to feel that I did not need food or sleep. I lost weight fast; my skin turned to a dark, deathly color, and I looked like a walking dead person. At first I was too dizzy to stand without holding to something. I took medicine and my friends prayed for me, but after the nausea left me I still did not have any appetite. I did seem to improve for awhile, then my circulation became worse and I was slowly but surely losing the use of my limbs. I could not even hold a pencil for writing or a small spoon to my lips. When I'd try to stand to my feet, I'd flop to the floor as a baby. Only God knows the despair I felt. I was practically dead, except that I still breathed, and many times my breath was very weak. I tried hard to walk, with or without help, but I failed every time. Then I began to feel it was out of hands. Some advised me to seek more medical help, and some said that God could heal me; I just wasn't sure what to do or which way to turn. I felt I was such a burden on the family.

One Sunday we were expected to pick up the children at church and attend a birthday dinner. I was to be served in bed. Upon reaching the church, God told me to go in, and without thinking I got out of the car. Then I realized God never tells us to do something without helping us to do it, and I knew if I could just touch the hem of His garment that I would receive a blessing. If I could just get to the door—just inside. By holding the cars and by God's help I did get inside, but the next few moments are a blank. The next thing that I remember is the spasms of pain and people's praying. I just asked God to relieve the pain and let me walk a little, and God did perform a miracle right then and there. The pain left at once, I began to feel stronger right away. I wanted to ask someone to help me walk, but Jesus said, "You can walk." I stood to my feet, and started walking. In thirty minutes I was able to run with high heels on; I even gained six pounds in three days. Oh yes, I went to the dinner, stood outside with the rest and ate as much as the next one. I felt as if I had never been sick. I felt stronger than I had been in ten long years. So you see why I say it is no secret what God can do. I'm glad that Jesus can save and heal, and that I'm a walking testimony of His healing power.—Mamie Lee Curry. Attested by John D. Walker, Pastor.

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